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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: ) CONFIRMATION NO.: 3997  
Kazuhide HASEBE, et al. )  
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For: METHOD OF CLEANING HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action of September 16, 2008. No further amendments have been made to the claims hereby.